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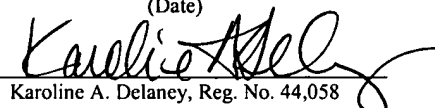
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EFFICIENT DRAINAGE OF  
BODY CAVITY  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 1 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.